

**St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**Eufaula, Oklahoma**  
**March 20th 2022**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**March 13th:**  
**Week 37**

Envelopes:	\$	470.00
Loose Checks:	\$	590.00
Loose Cash:	\$	243.00
Foreign Church:	\$	45.00

Total:	\$	1,348.00
YTD Budget:	\$	46,620.00
YTD Actual:	\$	56,559.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**PRIDE**

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

**DAMAGE**

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

**BIRTHDAYS**

MARCH 21st:	Paul Srebala
MARCH 22nd:	Dale Hewett
MARCH 23rd:	Josiah Reeves
MARCH 25th:	Samuel Mullin

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Alternate readings (Year A):
	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
	Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins
Wednesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence



**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 20, 2022**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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**HOLY GROUND**

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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*Pray for ...*

**The Sick:**

Creekmore family, Imogene Galbraith, Trena Sturges, Jana Gerhart, Terri Morgan, Pam Mitchell, Carlee Eaton, Norma Determan, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Dan Hudson, Elizabeth Hudson Teer, Stan Shade, Jess Phelps, Donna Baldwin, Brady Thornton, Brittany Cagle, Hilda Sorenson, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Gunner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty

## FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT WEEKLY COLLECTION

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY.**

### God's Law Would Ban Abortion

We Americans are so blessed to live in the United States. And yet, there are those who abuse the privilege time and time again. That's not the way God wants us to live. He wants us to live in peace with one another. Review the Ten Commandments, because one day each one of us will be judged by them. The most important one is to love God and the rest will fall in place. To honor your parents, do not kill, do not commit adultery, and do not steal. There are but a few of them. What gives anyone the right to steal from someone else? Their property, car and identity are theirs only. Then we come to shalt not kill. What is so hard to understand about that? It simply means you don't kill anyone. Unfortunately, we have a law that is contrary to God's law. This law allows abortion of our tiniest, little human beings. There are some who say it is just tissue. Any woman who has had a baby knows this is not true - it is a human being, a God-given baby. We need to defund Planned Parenthood and have our president, judges, senators and representatives make a new law condemning abortion. We should all be pro-life, not pro-death. We need elected leaders in Washington - our Republicans and Democrats to come together for the good of the country on this issue and on all of our country's issues. May God have mercy on us."

*Ruth Weber Davenport, IA*

"If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

*Evangelii Gaudium, no. 183*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jana Gerhart  
Beverly Stokes  
Billy Haltom  
Mark Kringlen  
Karen Willoby

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

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## FORGIVENESS

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.

—Confucius

## DIRECTION

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes



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Mass Schedule:

Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Holy Days at 5:30 PM

Confession before Mass or by Appointment

# March 2022 ~ April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 8:30 am Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent	21	22	23 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	24	25	26
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10 8:30 am Mass Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14 5:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass	15 3:00 pm Good Friday Service	16
17 8:30 am Mass Easter Sunday	18	19	20 9:00 am Mass	21	22	23 